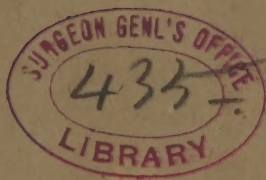


MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL
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Massachusetts Medical Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCILLORS.

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST, 1854.



A special meeting of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held, Aug. 16, 1854, at 11, A.M., at the Society's room, in Phillips Place, Boston,—the President in the chair.

The following Councillors were present: Drs. George Hayward, John George Metcalf, P. T. Kendall, Horace P. Wakefield, James Ayer, John Flint, A. Chapin, D. Humphreys Storer, Calvin P. Fiske, M. S. Perry, George A. Bethune, John Homans, Henry Dyer, Alexander Le B. Munroe, Benjamin Pond, Henry G. Clark, B. E. Cotting, Horace Dupee, Eben Hunt, Charles Chase, Edward Warren, Erasmus D. Miller, Benjamin Mann, A. A. Watson, H. C. Perkins, Augustus Torrey, Charles E. Ware, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, John C. Dalton, N. Cutler, Jonathan Brown, Jeremiah Spofford, Augustus A. Gould, Moses Clarke, J. P. Jewett, Z. B. Adams, S. Parkman.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of a project for the purchase of a building, now in the market, for the Society's use; the building in question being the Freeman Place Chapel, on Beacon Street.

Dr. Cotting, from the Committee appointed October, 1853, read a report which is on file.

After visiting the building, and a full discussion of the subject, in which many Councillors took part, the report was accepted, and further consideration of the subject indefinitely postponed. At 1½, P.M., the Councillors adjourned.

S. PARKMAN,

Recording Secretary.

OCTOBER MEETING, 1854.

A stated meeting of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held at their room, in Phillips Place, Boston, Oct. 4, 1854, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The following Councillors were present; viz., Drs. George Hayward, Benjamin Bond, Jacob Hayes, Theodore Kittridge, Moses Clarke, Horace P. Wakefield, S. G. Burnap, N. B. Shurtleff, Edward Jarvis, George Stearns, Alexander Le B. Munroe, John Homans, B. E. Cotting, James Ayer, George A. Bethune, Charles E. Ware, Horace Dupee, John Hoyt, Jacob Bigelow, Benjamin Mann, C. H. Stedman, William Workman, A. A. Gould, George Bartlett, — the President in the chair.

The records of the last meeting were read.

The Recording Secretary reported the following gentlemen to have joined the Society since the last meeting; viz.: —

Dr. Ira Russell	Natick.
„ John E. Hathaway	Worcester.
„ Thomas H. Gage	Sterling.
„ Francis A. Howe	Pepperell.
„ Charles D. Dowse	Waltham.
„ Edward Newhall	Lynn.
„ Edward G. McCormick	Taunton.

Dr. Silas Gifford	E. Stoughton.
„ George Higginson Gallup	Boston.
„ H—— L. Hoffendahl	„
„ Burr Reeve Abbé	„
„ David Roberts	„
„ Lincoln R. Stone	Bolton.
„ Fayette Clapp	Leverett.
„ John V. De Grasse	Boston.
„ Joel Seaverns	W. Roxbury.
„ Edward P. Morong	Cahawba, Ala.
„ Charles A. Ruggles	Salem.
„ Edward P. Abbé	N. Bedford.

The President mentioned that the record used the word “*accepted*” in reference to the Report made by Dr. Cotting at the last meeting, when “*received*” was the proper word, as shown by Cushing’s Manual,—it indicating the simple discharge of the Committee.

By vote of the Councillors, the record was altered as suggested by the President.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from the Suffolk District Medical Society, stating the reasons why Dr. David R. Brown should be expelled from the Society.

On a motion made by Dr. Jarvis, it was voted that the Councillors refer to the Society the subject of the expulsion of the said Dr. David R. Brown.

On a motion made by Dr. Jarvis, the following resolutions were adopted, and their publication by the Commissioners of Lunacy authorized:—

“*Resolved*, That the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society approve of the objects and purposes of the law of the last Legislature, in ordering an inquiry as to the number and condition of the insane and idiotic persons within this Commonwealth. They approve of the plan and manner which the Commissioners on Lunacy have adopted, in making this inquiry through the several members of the medical profession in the State.

“*Resolved*, That the Councillors recommend to all the Fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society to co-operate with and aid the Commissioners in this work, to make early report of the facts required by the Legislature, and to lend their influence to persuade all other Medical Practitioners,

the Overseers of the Poor, and other public officers of whom this information is asked, to do the same, in order that this Survey of Lunacy and Idiocy in Massachusetts may be complete.

“Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the medical and other journals, signed by the President and Secretary of the Society.”

Adjourned.

S. PARKMAN,

Recording Secretary.

FEBRUARY MEETING, 1855.

A stated meeting of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held at the room of the Society, in Phillips Place, Boston, Feb. 7, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The following Councillors were present: Drs. George Hayward, J. G. Metcalf, D. King, B. Atkinson, E. Hunt, J. Brown, B. E. Cotting, J. Mason Warren, T. Kittredge, T. Rickard, E. Palmer, jun., L. Goodenough, J. Ayer, E. Jarvis, B. Pond, J. P. Jewett, H. Dyer, G. A. Bethune, J. Hoyt, H. Dupee, C. Chase, J. Jeffries, J. Homans, A. A. Gould, C. P. Fiske, H. I. Bowditch, W. Workman, A. A. Watson, C. E. Ware, A. Cornish, S. Sargent, — the President in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read the records of the last meeting.

The following persons were reported to have joined the Society:—

Dr. John D. Walsh	Boston.
„ Thomas L. Jenks	„
„ J—— B. Whitney	Lee.
„ C—— C. Holcomb	Lee.
„ Clarkson T. Collins	Great Barrington.
„ Daniel S. Fiske	Brookfield.
„ John Barnes	Milford.

The President, after an appropriate reference to the recent

deaths of Dr. Z. B. Adams and Dr. S. Parkman, stated, that, by the decease of the latter, the office of Recording Secretary had become vacant, and that the By-laws require the Councillors to fill such vacancies "as soon as may be convenient."

Voted to proceed at once to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Metcalf was appointed to collect and count the votes; and soon after reported, that, having received all the ballots but one, Dr. B. E. Cotting, of Roxbury, was chosen Recording Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter, dated Worcester, Jan. 11, 1855, and signed by Rufus Woodward, as Secretary of the Worcester District Society, certifying to the election, by that Society, of Dr. Rufus Woodward, of Worcester, as a delegate, with others, to the American Medical Association, to meet at Philadelphia in May next.

The letter went on to say, that, "Dr. Woodward never having signed the By-laws of the Massachusetts Medical Society, it was voted that his name be allowed to remain on the list, and that the question of his eligibility be referred to the Board of Councillors at the next meeting."

It was here stated, by several members of the Worcester Society present, that Dr. Woodward was not a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society; nevertheless, he had been admitted into the Worcester District Society, had been chosen their Secretary, and had now been elected one of their delegates to the American Medical Association.

A very general discussion followed these statements; in which it was maintained, without dissent, that no one could legally become a member of a District Society without first joining the Parent Society; that this matter was clearly stated in the statutes incorporating the Massachusetts Medical Society, as well as in its own By-laws; and that the admission into a District Society of any person who had not first become a member of the Massachusetts Society, or his election to any office in the gift of such District Society, must of necessity be illegal and void.

On motion of Dr. J. G. Metcalf, the following preamble and votes were adopted:—

“Concerning the matter referred to the Councillors by the Worcester District Medical Society, whether Dr. Rufus Woodward, of Worcester, who has been elected a Delegate to the next American Medical Association (he not being a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society), can legally hold a seat in that body, —

“*Voted*, That, pursuant to the fifth section of an act in addition to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate certain physicians by the name of the Massachusetts Medical Society,’ passed March 8, 1803, Dr. Rufus Woodward cannot be considered a Delegate to said Association.

“*Voted*, That notice of this vote be communicated to the President of the Worcester District Medical Society, so that the vacancy in the delegation to the American Association, hereby created, may be filled.”

The same letter from Dr. Woodward also stated, that, “in the Transactions of the American Medical Association for 1854, the name of Dr. Joseph N. Bates, of Barre, stands entered, by himself, as a Delegate from the Worcester District Medical Society.

“As Dr. Joseph N. Bates is not a member of the Worcester District Medical Society, and never has been, nor yet is he a Delegate chosen by this Society; therefore it was voted, that the name of Dr. Joseph N. Bates, of Barre, in its connection with the Worcester District Medical Society in the Transactions of the American Medical Association, be brought before the Board of Councillors at the next meeting, praying them to rectify the error.”

Other letters were read by the Corresponding Secretary, showing that Dr. Joseph N. Bates had no authority whatever to represent himself a Delegate to the American Medical Association, and that he has never been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

After considerable discussion, and after several motions had been made, modified, and withdrawn, Dr. E. Palmer, jun., of Boston, moved the following:—

“That the Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Medical Society communicate to the Corresponding Secretary of the American Medical Association the facts bearing upon the appearance of Dr. Joseph N. Bates,

of Barre, at the annual meeting of the Association at St. Louis, and request that the name of Dr. Bates be stricken from the list of members of the American Association."

Dr. E. Hunt, of Danvers, moved a division of the question. — Not voted.

Dr. Palmer's motion was then adopted *nem. con.*

The Corresponding Secretary also reported a donation of two copies of a work (in folio) on Lithotomy and Lithotripsy, from the author, Dr. E. Buialsky, of St. Petersburg; and, on motion of Dr. Bowditch, it was —

Voted, "That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the volumes, and to present the thanks of the Society to the donor.

Voted, "That the duplicate copy be presented to the Library of the Medical College of Harvard University."

A letter was received from Dr. Wm. E. Coale, Secretary of the Censors of the Massachusetts Medical Society for Suffolk District, informing the Councillors, "that, at a meeting of the Board, held Jan. 31, 1855, Dr. Alfred B. Stone, of Sharon, a graduate as M.D. of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, presented himself, and asked admission into the Society. Upon examining him, he avowed himself as practising upon the principles styled Homœopathy; upon which it was determined by the Censors that he was not, according to the intent of the seventh paragraph of the Act of Incorporation of the Massachusetts Medical Society, dated Nov. 1, 1781, 'fitted for the practice of medicine;' and admission was refused him."

"The vote of the Censors is as follows: 'Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to inform the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society of the action of this Board in the case of Dr. Alfred B. Stone, explaining to them the ground of it, and asking such expression of their views of the matter as may be applicable to all like cases for the future.'"

After general discussion, on motion of Dr. Bowditch, it was —

Voted, "That the Councillors approve of the course adopted by the Censors of the Massachusetts Medical Society for Suffolk District."

On motion of Dr. Spofford, the vote of last year, passed Feb. 1, 1854 (vol. iv. p. 149), relative to the issue of certificates to Delegates to the American Medical Association, was adopted.

The following Committees were appointed: —

On the Treasurer's Accounts.

Dr. E. Hunt	Danvers.
„ J. Jeffries	Boston.

On the Library.

Dr. N. B. Shurtleff	Boston.
„ E. H. Clarke	„

On motion of Dr. Bowditch, it was —

Voted, "That the Treasurer be authorized to allow the Boston Society for Medical Observation to occupy the Councillors' room, a proper compensation being paid for such occupancy.

Voted, "That the annual meeting of the Councillors be held at Springfield, at 7 o'clock, P.M., on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society."

Adjourned.

B. E. COTTING,

Recording Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING, MARCH, 1855.

A special meeting of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held at their room, in Phillips Place, Boston, March 8, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The following Councillors were present: Drs. G. Stearns, C. Chase, P. M. Crane, M. Clarke, J. P. Jewett, G. Hay-

ward, C. E. Ware, A. A. Watson, J. Flint, E. Palmer, jun., M. S. Perry, B. E. Cotting, — the President in the chair.

The President stated that the meeting had been called to appoint a day for the annual meeting of the Society, this having been overlooked at previous meetings; and that a request had been sent in, from the members residing in Springfield, that the last Wednesday in June may be assigned for the annual meeting.

Voted, "That the annual meeting, to be held at Springfield, be held on Wednesday, June 27, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A.M."

The President stated that he had received from Dr. G. C. Shattuck, one of the Executors and Trustees under the will of the late Dr. G. C. Shattuck, deceased, a request that the Society would adopt the course taken by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, so far as it regards their interest in the legacy bequeathed them.

After full explanation, the following preamble and vote were unanimously adopted:—

"It being represented that the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture and the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association — which are legatees, jointly with this Society, under the will of the late Dr. George C. Shattuck — are disposed to enter into an arrangement with the Executors of the will, for the purpose of complying with his instructions therein; that the income from the corporate stocks, which he directed to be accumulated for the benefit of these legatees, should be deposited by the Executors with the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, on account of them respectively, one-third part for each of them, to accumulate during the three years, as directed in the will; and that, at the expiration of that time, the share of each shall remain in deposit with the said Company for the term of five years, being the shortest time for which said Company take deposits upon trust:—

"It is therefore voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to make such arrangement with the said Societies and the Executors, and the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, in behalf of this Society, and to sign such instruments for that purpose, as he may think proper."

Adjourned.

B. E. COTTING,

Recording Secretary.

JUNE MEETING, 1855.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Councillors of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held at the Warriner House in Springfield, June 26, 1855, at 7 o'clock, P.M., — the President in the chair.

The following Councillors were present: Drs. J. G. Metcalf, H. I. Bowditch, E. Hunt, P. M. Crane, E. Stone, T. R. Boutelle, N. Allen, J. P. Jewett, J. A. Marshall, N. Adams, T. L. Chapman, P. Le B. Stickney, J. Brown, H. Bartlett, C. P. Fiske, C. E. Ware, J. B. Alley, A. A. Gould, A. Mackie, J. Deane, D. Bradford, M. S. Perry, G. Hayward, E. Buck, E. D. Miller, E. Palmer, jun., J. W. D. Osgood, C. M. Fay, B. Cox, jun., D. Bradford, J. Hayes, D. H. Storer, E. B. Braun, H. H. Childs, G. Choate, N. B. Shurtleff, T. Gordon, J. B. S. Jackson, J. Homans, and B. E. Cotting.

The Secretary read the records of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were reported to have joined the Society since the last meeting: —

John H. Gilbert	East Weymouth.
John K. Palmer	Boston.
McLaurin F. Cooke	"
Francis M. Lincoln	"
Horace Richardson	"
George Fabyan	"
Silas A. Holman	"
John E. Blake	"
Calvin G. Page	"
Samuel B. Flagg	"
Samuel H. Keep	"
Samuel F. Haven, jun.	"
George G. Tucker	"
Zabdiel B. Adams	"
Charles E. Stedman	"
Ezra Bartlett	"
Henry K. Oliver	"
Clement A. Walker	"
Elwell Woodbury	Medford.

William T. S. Brackett	Edgartown.
Jophanus Henderson	Somerville.
Charles D. Dowse	Waltham.
Edward Newhall	Lynn.
Nathaniel O. Bemis	Hubbardston.
George M. Burgess	Blackstone.
J—— H. Brown	West Newton.
Elijah S. Durgin	Littleton.
Anson P. Hooker	East Cambridge.
William Mason	Charlestown.
James R. Morse	North Cambridge.
George A. Otis	Springfield.
J. Marcus Rice	Worcester.
Rufus Woodward	"
Seth Rogers	"
Adoniram J. Wakefield	Hopkinton.
John P. Perkins	Great Barrington.
A—— A. Kendall	New Braintree.
J—— P. Lynde	Hardwick.
Ebenezer Knight	Brimfield.

The first business in order being the choice of officers, Dr. Hayward declined being considered a candidate for the office of President.

Voted, "That a Nominating Committee of one from each District represented be selected by the Chair."

The following gentlemen were appointed :—

Dr. H. H. Childs	Berkshire.
" A. Mackie	Bristol, South.
" G. Choate	Essex, South.
" N. Adams	Hampden.
" N. Allen	Middlesex, North.
" J. Hayes	Middlesex, South.
" E. Stone	Norfolk.
" T. Gordon	Plymouth.
" N. B. Shurtleff	Suffolk.
" J. G. Metcalf	Worcester.

The Councillors then took a recess of half an hour; and, on re-assembling, the Nominating Committee reported the unanimous nomination, for

<i>President</i>	Dr. ELISHA HUNTINGTON	Lowell.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Dr. JAMES DEANE	Greenfield.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dr. AUGUSTUS A. GOULD	Boston.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Dr. CHARLES E. WARE	"
<i>Recording Secretary</i> .	Dr. BENJAMIN E. COTTING	Roxbury.
<i>Librarian</i>	Dr. JOHN B. ALLEY	Boston.

Voted, "That each officer be balloted for separately."

The gentlemen whose names were presented by the Nominating Committee were then severally elected.

On the retirement of Dr. Hayward from the chair, on motion of Dr. Storer, of Boston, it was unanimously

Voted, "That the thanks of the Society be presented to our late President, for his uniformly courteous, efficient, and faithful services."

The President elect not being present, the Vice-President, Dr. Deane, took the chair.

The Secretary read a letter from the Bristol North District Society, inviting the Massachusetts Society to hold its next annual meeting in Taunton.

Dr. Bowditch, of Boston, moved that the invitation be accepted; which motion, after long and animated discussion, was decided in the negative.

On motion of Dr. Mackie, of New Bedford, it was —

Voted, "That the next annual meeting be held in Boston.

Voted, "That the Committee on Nominations already appointed be instructed to report the nomination of an Orator, an Anniversary Chairman, and a Committee of Arrangements, four in number, for the next annual meeting."

Dr. Shurtleff having been obliged to leave Springfield, Dr. Homans, of Suffolk, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary reported the application of Drs. Stephen W. Williams, Wm. H. Thayer, and Horatio Bryant, to become retired members, they having removed from the State. — Referred to the Committee on Resignations.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Suffolk District Medical Society, recommending the expulsion of Dr. Charles W. Calkins, of Boston; and, on motion of Dr. Perry, of Boston, it was voted that the letter, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Society at its meeting to-morrow.

The Treasurer read his annual report, and a list of the delinquent members of the Society.

The Auditing Committee also read their report, — that they had found the Treasurer's books correctly kept, and properly vouched.

Both these reports were accepted, and placed on file.

The Committee on Resignations made their report, recommending that the following persons be placed on the list of retired members: —

Dr. Horatio Bryant,
 „ Stephen W. Williams,
 „ Wm. H. Thayer,
 „ John E. Sanborn,

who have removed from the State, and have paid their dues; and of Dr. Samuel Johnson, of Salem, who is over sixty years of age, and has paid his dues.

They also recommended that the dues of

Dr. Richard W. Piper Woburn,
 Dr. Joseph P. Alden Cambridgeport,

be remitted.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Library, read by Dr. Palmer in the absence of the Committee, was accepted, and placed on file.

Dr. Childs, from the Committee on Nominations, reported as follows: —

<i>For Orator</i>	Dr. JOHN G. METCALF . . .	Mendon.
<i>For Anniversary Chairman</i>	Dr. LUTHER V. BELL . . .	Somerville.
<i>For Committee of Arrangements</i>	{ Dr. WM. J. DALE	Boston.
	{ Dr. N. B. SHURTLEFF	"
	{ Dr. C. E. WARE	"
	{ Dr. B. E. COTTING	Roxbury.

These gentlemen were unanimously chosen.

Voted, on motion of Dr. C. E. Ware, "That the sum of two hundred dollars, in addition to his salary, be presented to Dr. Gould, the Treasurer, for his services during the past year.

Voted, on motion of Dr. Buck, of Boston, "That the salary of the Treasurer of this Society be three hundred dollars for the medical year next ensuing."

On nomination by the Chair, the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee of Finance; viz., Drs. S. D. Townsend, C. P. Fiske, and Jacob Hayes.

On nomination by the Chair, the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee on Publications; viz., Drs. H. I. Bowditch, J. B. S. Jackson, and C. Gordon.

On similar nomination, the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee on Resignations; viz., Drs. A. A. Gould, D. H. Storer, and N. B. Shurtleff.

The following amendment to the By-laws was proposed by the Recording Secretary, and adopted by the meeting, to go to the Society at an adjourned meeting for concurrence:—

In second line of Article VII., page 24, an addition, so that it shall read, "Every Fellow shall be entitled to a Diploma, in the following form, on the payment of one dollar."

At 11 o'clock, P.M., the meeting adjourned.

B. E. COTTING,
Recording Secretary.

Massachusetts Medical Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

JUNE 27, 1855.

THE Annual Meeting of the MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY was held in Hampden Hall, Springfield, June 27, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The President elect not having arrived, the Vice-President, Dr. Deane, of Greenfield, took the chair.

The Recording Secretary read the records of the last Annual Meeting, and reported the names of those who had become Fellows during the year. (See pp. 2, 4, and 10.)

The Corresponding Secretary made his Report, explaining the action of the Suffolk District Medical Society, which recommends to the Parent Society the expulsion of Drs. David R. Brown and Charles W. Calkins, both of Boston, for causes set forth; and repeated the votes of the Councilors, referring both cases, as required by the By-laws, to the Society for investigation and decision.

On motion of Dr. Perry, of Boston, it was —

Voted, "That Wednesday, July 11, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A.M., be fixed for the adjourned meeting of the Society, at which an investigation and decision in these cases may be made; said adjourned meeting to be held in the Society's room, Phillips Place, Boston."

Dr. Bowditch, of Boston, from the Committee on the Inaccuracies in the State Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, made a verbal report of some of the reasons why their labors had not been so successful as they expected.

Voted, "That the same Committee be continued for the coming year; viz., Drs. Bowditch, Jarvis, and Metcalf."

Dr. Metcalf, of Mendon, from the Committee on Scientific Communications, read a report of their doings, and closed with the following resolution: —

"Resolved, That all reports upon scientific subjects be referred to the Committee on Publications, with instructions that they refer each report to a Committee of Experts, whose names shall not be disclosed; and that such reports as said Committee of Experts shall designate shall be published in the Medical Communications of the Society."

The report was *received*, and placed on file. Dr. Metcalf moved the adoption of the resolution; which, after full discussion, and the rejection of proposed amendments, was passed by a large majority.

The Scientific Communications being now called for, Dr. Bowditch read a paper on "The Hygienic Condition of the Survivors of Ovariectomy," by James Deane, M.D., of Greenfield.

Dr. Bowditch also, on his own behalf, made a partial report, naming the various towns from which he had not received returns on the prevalence of Phthisis therein; and requested the aid of members, in order that he might make a final report at an earlier day.

Voted, "That the Committee on Scientific Communications, Drs. Metcalf, George Choate, and Bowditch, be continued in office for the coming year."

The Treasurer made his Annual Report, and the Recording Secretary read the Auditors' Report; both of which were accepted, and placed on file.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's Report: —

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Dr. Coale, of Boston, read a communication from the Suffolk District Medical Society relative to the defects in the By-laws on the subject of expulsion of members.

Dr. Perry, of Boston, moved the reference of the document to a Special Committee of five, with instructions to report such alterations as will remedy the defects complained of. — Adopted.

Dr. Mackie, of New Bedford, moved that the articles of the By-laws relating to the admission of Fellows be referred to the same Committee, for them to recommend such alterations as the best interests of the Society demand. — Adopted.

On nomination by the Chair, the following gentlemen were chosen for this Committee: Drs. Coale and H. W. Williams, of Boston; Dr. Alden, of Randolph; Dr. Mackie, of New Bedford; and Dr. E. Huntington, of Lowell.

The Society now took a recess of half an hour; and on re-assembling, at 1 o'clock, P.M., Dr. A. A. Gould, of Boston, delivered the annual discourse, after which, —

On motion of Dr. Metcalf, of Mendon, it was —

Voted, unanimously, "That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Gould for his valuable and practical discourse, to which we have listened with profit, as well as interest."

At quarter-past 2 o'clock, P.M., Dr. Palmer, of Boston, the Chief Marshal, announced that he was ready to form the procession, and to conduct the members to the Warrier House, to dine together under the festive administration of Dr. Dale, the anniversary Chairman.

For which purpose the Society then adjourned.

B. E. COTTING,

Recording Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

JULY 11, 1855.

An adjourned meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society was held in their room, in Phillips Place, Boston, on Wednesday, July 11, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the Recording Secretary called the meeting to order, and requested Dr. Buck, of Boston, "the senior President of a District Society present," to take the chair.

The Recording Secretary read the records of the annual meeting, stated the object for which it was adjourned to this day, and mentioned that on the day following the annual meeting he "duly notified" the accused by letters placed in their own hands by his messenger.

The Corresponding Secretary announced, that, through the liberality of one of its Fellows, the Massachusetts Medical Society is authorized to offer the sum of one hundred dollars to the author of a Dissertation, which may be adjudged worthy of a prize by a Committee appointed by the Councillors of the Society, on the following subject; viz., "The History and Statistics of Ovariectomy, and under what circumstances the operation may be regarded as safe and expedient." On his motion, it was —

Voted, "That the Recording Secretary be authorized to place suitable notice in such medical journals and such newspapers as shall give it general circulation throughout the country; also that the subject be brought before the Councillors at the meeting in October, with the request that they would appoint a Committee to carry out the object of the donor."

The amendment to the By-laws, Article VII., adopted by the Councillors at their annual meeting, June 26, 1855 (see page 14), was then adopted by the Society in concurrence.

The Corresponding Secretary now read the documents in the case of Dr. David R. Brown, of Boston, who was shown to have been repeatedly convicted of crime under the laws of the land.

The Recording Secretary read from the records the action of the Councillors and the Society in the matter. He stated also that Dr. Brown had signified his intention not to appear in defence.

(The President having now arrived, Dr. Buck retired from the chair.)

Dr. Metcalf, of Mendon, moved that Dr. David R. Brown be expelled from the Massachusetts Medical Society.

After a free discussion, in which Drs. Alden, Gould, Buck, and others took part, the motion of Dr. Metcalf was adopted by the following vote: Whole number of Fellows present, thirty-three; voting in favor of the motion, thirty-one; against it, none.

The Corresponding Secretary read the documents sent by the Suffolk District Society, in the case of Dr. Charles W. Calkins, of Boston, charging him with culpably procuring abortion; and the Recording Secretary read from the records the action thereon of the Councillors and of the Society.

Dr. C. E. Ware moved "that the evidence in the case be now read;" which motion, after remarks by Drs. J. S. Jones, Buck, Coale, Williams, and others, was adopted.

Dr. H. W. Williams, of Boston, then read the report of the Committee of the Suffolk District Society to that Society, and the evidence on which they had recommended the expulsion of Dr. Calkins.

After the reading of the evidence, Dr. Durkee, of Boston, moved that Dr. Charles W. Calkins be expelled from the Massachusetts Medical Society. This motion was seconded by Dr. E. W. Blake, of Boston.

Dr. Calkins protested against further proceedings, and asked for opportunity to refute the evidence produced.

Dr. Gordon, of Boston, asked of the accused what further opportunities or privileges he really desired. Dr. Calkins replied that he should like another week for preparation.

Drs. Storer, Gordon, and others now addressed the meeting, expressing the opinion that sufficient time and opportunity had been given him; and, after repeated remarks from Dr. Calkins, the question, being called for, was decided as follows: The whole number of Fellows present, thirty-five; voting for expulsion, twenty-seven; against expulsion, none; and so the motion was adopted.

Dr. Coale, from the Committee appointed at the annual meeting, of which this is an adjourned meeting, to report "such alterations in the By-laws as will remedy the defects therein on the subject of expulsion of members, and such alterations relative to the admission of members as the best interest of the Society demands," asked leave to report; which was granted.

Voted, "That the Report of the Committee be *received*, and placed on file."

Dr. Coale moved that the additions and amendments to the By-laws recommended by the Committee be adopted by the Society, and sent to the Councillors for concurrence.

After remarks by Drs. Watson, Alden, Gordon, and others, Dr. Coale modified his motion; and it was —

Voted, "That the additions and amendments to the By-laws recommended by the Committee be printed for the use of the Fellows, and referred to the Councillors for their adoption."

The Society then adjourned, without day.

B. E. COTTING,
Recording Secretary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

The following additions and amendments were recommended by the Committee:—

“ 1. Any person having charges against a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society shall present them, together with all the available testimony and information bearing upon the subject, to the Censors of the District to which the accused member belongs.

“ 2. The Censors of the Massachusetts Medical Society, or of any of the District Societies, upon having charges against any member of their District presented to them, shall set themselves diligently to investigate the charges, not only by the testimony and information furnished them together with the charges, but with whatever else they can procure which may throw light upon the case.

“ 3. If, upon such investigation, they shall deem the case sufficiently made out, they shall at once set to work and put the charges into proper form, particularly as to precise specifications of time and place, and other means of identification of the alleged offences, and present these, with all information and notes descriptive of testimony, to the President of the District Society to which they and the accused belong.

“ 4. The presiding officer to whom such charges shall have been presented shall, without delay, select at his pleasure ten members of the Massachusetts Medical Society, from whom, within one week, the accused must make a selection of five, to constitute a Court before which he shall be tried. If the accused fail in that time to make a selection, then the President shall select for him.

“ 5. The Court so constituted shall, without delay, proceed to organize by the choice of a presiding officer; and of a clerk, who shall keep a strict, full, and accurate record of all its proceedings.

“ 6. The Court shall then proceed with the trial, — each side, if deemed advisable by the Court, to be allowed counsel from without, — and the Court shall decide and terminate the case.

"7. The Court, upon making up their decision, shall transmit it, with all the records and other pertinent documents, to the President of the District Society to which the accused belongs; and the President shall forthwith promulgate the decision, whether favorable or unfavorable, not only to the District Society, but to the Presidents of all the other District Societies.

"8. Upon showing such cause to the Councillors as shall by them be deemed sufficient therefor, the accused shall be entitled to a revision of his trial by the Councillors, who may, according to their judgment, reverse or confirm the previous decision; and this shall be final.

"9. The Court shall understand that such testimony will be deemed sufficient, upon the trial of a Fellow, as would produce in their minds a conviction that the accused would be unfit for admission into the Society were he not already in it. But little testimony can be given under oath; all must, therefore, be weighed in connection with its surroundings and accessories. Beyond it, also, each member of the Court shall be permitted to take the moral bearings and appearances of the case, and to give his judgment from these as well as from any particular testimony bearing upon one or another point exclusively."

In the place of the 3d and 4th By-laws, the following:—

"III. Any person may sign the By-Laws and be admitted a Fellow who shall, on examination, satisfy any Board of Censors that he has been duly educated, and is properly qualified for the duties of the medical profession, and that he has complied with the following requisitions, viz.:—

"He shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, and of good moral character; shall have such acquaintance with the Latin language and with experimental philosophy as is necessary for a good medical and surgical education; he shall have studied three full years under the direction of, and shall have attended the practice of, some respectable physician or physicians; and shall have attended two full courses of lectures on Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Obstetrics, and the Theory and Practice of Medicine and Surgery.

"IV. Any candidate whose examination shall be satisfactory to the majority of the Censors present at any meeting of the Board shall be admitted a Fellow; but, if his examination be not satisfactory, he shall not be re-examined by any Board of Censors within less than six months.

A true copy. Attest:

B. E. COTTING,
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